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THE BURNING OF VILLAGES, HELICOPTER ATTACKS (IN VIETNAM) WERE COVERED BY PRESS, PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TV. THERE WERE MOST DRAMATIC SCENES, WHICH SHOWED THE US IN THE WORSE LIGHT... TODAY NOTHING ARRIVES FROM KABUL EXCEPT TASS COMMUNIQUE, I.E. TOTAL SILENCE. WHY THE DIFFERENCE? THE TRUTH IS THAT THE AMERICAN SYSTEM PROVIDES NOT ONLY THE RIGHT TO DISSENT, BUT ALSO THE RIGHT TO BLAME THE LEADERS. THE SYSTEM ITSELF, THE INSTITUTIONS, ARE NOT QUESTIONED BECAUSE THEY ARE SUPPORTED BY A GENERAL CONSENSUS... THE LACK OF NEWS FROM KABUL TELLS US THAT THE KREMLIN IS AFRAID. THERE IS NO SOCIAL CONSENSUS IN THE USSR, AND THEREFORE A POSSIBLE WAVE OF DEEPLY UPSET PUBLIC OPINION COULD OVERCOME NOT ONLY BREZHNEV BUT THE ENTIRE SYSTEM. IVAN, THE RED ARMY SOLDIER, CANNOT BE SHOWN TO THE WORLD KILLING GUERRILLAS, BECAUSE HE MUST MAINTAIN THE HEROIC SPLENDOR OF A STATUE. AS BRECHT SAID, "OE TO THE COUNTRIES WHO STILL NEED HEROES."

D. SCHMIDT IN THE US  
COVERAGE VERY MODERATE.  
PAESE SERA: SCHMIDT WILL TELL CARTER THAT WASHINGTON HAS NO CONSISTENT LINE."  
LA REPUBBLICA: "SCHMIDT DEFENDS OSTPOLITIK."  
AVANTI!! "SCHMIDT TRIES TO CLARIFY MISUNDERSTANDINGS."  
PAOLO GARIMBERTI IN LA STAMPA: "THE VISIT IS MAINLY AN ATTEMPT TO FIND A COMMON AMERICAN-EUROPEAN POSITION FOR A SOLUTION TO THE AFGHAN CRISIS, AND TO RESTORE CONFIDENCE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST."

E. US VOTE AGAINST ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS  
SOME PAPERS CONTINUE TO DISCUSS THE VOTE, IN BRIEF INSIDE-PAGE ARTICLES.  
IGOR MAN IN LA STAMPA: "DESPITE CARTER'S ELECTORAL CORRECTION, THE AMERICAN VOTE REMAINS A HISTORIC TURNING POINT. FOR THE FIRST TIME THE US HAS FORMALIZED ITS OPPOSITION TO ISRAELI POLICY."  
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